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Khalifa receives Mohammed bin Rashid

UAE President H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan received at his residence in Evian, France Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

The meeting was attended by H.H. Sheikh Tahnoun bin Mohammed Al Nahyan, Abu Dhabi Ruler’s Representative in the Eastern Region, H.H. Lt. General Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, H.H. Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Presidential Affairs, H.H. Dr. Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifa Al Nahyan, Executive Council Member, Sheikh Ahmed bin Saif Al Nahyan, Executive Council Member, Ahmed Juma Al Za’abi, Deputy Minister for Presidential Affairs and Obaid Salem Al Za’abi, UAE Permanent Representative to the UN European Headquarter in Geneva.

Briefed by Al Ghurair on works of 3rd World Conference of Speakers of Parliament

President H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan was apprised by the Federal National Council (FNC), Abdul Aziz Al Ghurair, about the works of the 3rd World Conference of Speakers of Parliament being held by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) from 19-21 July 2010 at the UN Office (Palais des Nations) in Geneva. The meeting was held under the theme: Parliaments in a world of crisis: securing global democratic accountability for the common good.

The briefing was made when the President received Al Ghurari at his place of residence in Geneva.

The FNC Speaker affirmed to Sheikh Khalifa the keenness of the FNC to participate actively in the sessions of the conference which will debate role of parliaments in ensuring fair democratic accountability and its impact of the progress and welfare of peoples.

Al Ghurair also informed the President about his talks with his counterparts and heads of parliamentary delegations taking part in the conference.

He said such meetings contribute to bolstering UAE relations with other countries and serve mutual interest.
Mohammed bin Rashid approves “Green Buildings project”

Vice President and Prime Minister of UAE and Ruler of Dubai His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum has approved “Green Buildings Project” in the UAE.

This comes in accordance with the strategic directions of the Federal Government aimed at achieving environmental sustainability, and by this approval the UAE has become the first country in the Middle East and North Africa to apply these standards globally on government installations.

The guide contains general rules on the application of green building standards on new government projects implemented by the Ministry of Public Works, which would increase the environmental safety and establish clear and certified standards for green buildings in the country.
HH General Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces received at Al Bateen Palace the Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Al Hariri.

During the meeting Sheikh Mohammed and Al Hariri discussed the latest regional and international developments and positions of the two countries towards them. They also discussed the efforts being exerted to realise peace in the region, stressing that there is no peace nor security without reaching just permanent solution to the Palestinian issue based on the agreed international peace efforts, especially the Arab Peace Initiative.

The meeting tackled bolstering of fraternal relations between the UAE and Lebanon and helping of the Lebanese people to deal with the challenges that hamper development, security and stability in Lebanon. Sheikh Mohammed wished the Lebanese government and people under Al Hariri success and prosperity.

Donates 35, 000 palm seedlings to Liwa Dates Festival 2010

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces has ordered donation of 35,000 palm seedlings to Liwa Dates Festival 2010 in recognition for organisers and participants’ interest to preserve the heritage.

The gesture was made during the visit of Sheikh Mohammed to the sixth edition of Liwa Dates Festival 2010, which was held in Western Region under the auspices of His Highness Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Presidential Affairs.

The palm seedlings will be distributed to the winners and participants at the festival.
Saif attends 12th anniversary of Kazakhstan capital

Representing UAE President H.H Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior H.H Lt. General Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan participated in celebrations of the 12th anniversary of Astana as the Kazakh capital which coincide with the 70th birthday of its leader, Nursultan Nazarbaev.

Sheikh Saif conveyed the greetings of UAE leaders to the Kazakh head of state and their best wishes for good health and long life to him and more progress and prosperity to the people of Kazakhstan.

At an audience for accepting congratulations, the Kazakh president asked Sheikh Saif to pass his gratitude to the UAE leaders for their sincere desire to strengthening joint cooperation for realising aspirations of the two friendly countries and peoples.

Sheikh Saif attended the grand opening of ‘Khan Shatyr’ shopping and entertainment center where he and leaders from Central Asia toured the centre along with the Kazakh president.

Meets envoys of US and Switzerland

HH Lt. General Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, received separately Ambassadors Ricard Olson of the US and Wolfgang Amadeus Bruehlart of Wolfgang Amadeus Bruehlart of Switzerland.

Sheikh Saif discussed with the two envoys issues of mutual concern between the UAE and the two friendly countries - the US and Switzerland.
Lieutenant General Saif Abdullah Al Shaafar, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior, received recently a delegation of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), headed by Elissar Sarrouh, resident coordinator of the UN and resident representative of the UNDP in the UAE.

He stressed the importance of strengthening the relations with UNDP and extending all support to it.

He extended thanks to the office for its initiative in honouring the Ministry of Interior.

Sarrouh, meanwhile, thanked His Highness Lieutenant General Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, and all ministry staff for their cooperation.

A meeting of the Supreme Committee of Crisis and Disaster Management was held recently at the Police Sciences Academy in Sharjah. It was chaired by Lieutenant General Saif Abdullah Al Shaafar, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior.

The periodical meeting was attended by committee members. It discussed internal security meetings for 2010. It also discussed security issues relevant to the performance of police departments.

Lt Gen Al Shaafar lauded the performance of the various ministry divisions and their level of readiness to deal with any eventuality.

The UAE has welcomed New Zealand to the Virtual Global Taskforce (V.G.T.) as a member during the participation of UAE delegation recently in the V.G.T. meetings in Rome, headed by Major General Nasser Lakhraibani Al Nuaimi, Secretary General of the Office of His Highness the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, and head of the Higher Supreme Committee for the Protection of Children at the Ministry of Interior.

“Global cooperation for the protection of children against exploitation, particularly on the Internet, is very important. There should be no tolerance with any abuse of children anywhere in the world, and working together is vital to make the Internet a safer zone”, said Maj Gen Al Nuaimi.

He said the UAE, represented by the Higher Supreme Committee for the Protection of Children at the Ministry of Interior, is keen on enhancing the supervisory role of the family. The ultimate goal, he stressed, is the protection of children.

Major Faisal Mohammed Al Shumari, liaison officer with the V.G.T. and media coordinator, said the membership of the UAE in the V.G.T. enables the country to benefit from international best practices in the field of combating exploitation of children on the Internet. He highlighted the importance of the visit of the UAE delegation to Italy in enhancing cooperation and coordination to achieve desired objectives in the protection of children against exploitation.

The V.G.T. meetings discussed cooperation in the fields of information exchange, operations support, training and education.

The V.G.T. list of members also includes security and other agencies in the UK, Australia, Italy, Interpol, Canada and the US.
Dubai Police to have a new ‘criminal evidence’ building

Dubai Police have signed an agreement with Al Hashemi Engineering Consultants to design the new building of the General Directorate of Criminal Evidence and Criminology. The building is expected to be the first of its kind in the Middle East.

It was signed on Dubai Police’ behalf by Lieutenant General Dhahi Khalifan Tamim, Commander in Chief of Dubai Police and Major General Khamis Matar Al Mazeina, Deputy Commander of Dubai Police, and on behalf of Al Hashemi Engineering Consultants by Engineer Abdullah Al Hashemi, CEO of the company.

The signing ceremony was held at the Dubai Police HQ.

“The new building will meet the requirements of Dubai Police till the year 2025. The project is to start in July 2011 and expected to be completed in early 2014. The laboratories will operate at top capacity and provide technical support to all security agencies in the region, receiving 5,000 samples for tests. Some 800 specialists will work at the facility”, said Lt. Gen. Dhahi.

A Dubai Police team headed by Major General Khamis Matar Al Mazeina will visit the FBI laboratories in the United States as well as facilities in other countries to acquaint themselves with the latest in the field.

The three-storey building will be constructed on a 22,500 square metre plot. It will have four sections, and a separate section for dangerous substances, in addition to various divisions.

Dubai Police will soon receive 75 Emirati experts in various fields of criminology to work at the new facility.

‘Finance and Assets’ discusses Civil Defence training project

Several projects, including the training and development of Civil Defence staff, were discussed recently by the Permanent Supreme Committee of Finance and Assets.

The meeting was headed by Major General Khalil Dawood Badran, Director General of Finance and Service at Abu Dhabi Police and Chairman of the committee.

The discussions dealt with several suggestions and recommendations aimed at upgrading training standards. A new training plan for current Civil Defence officers for the coming five years is among the recommendations.

The committee also discussed suggestions to upgrade administrative performance as part of the development strategy and the quality drive of the ministry.

The committee tasked with implementing the second phase of the new organisational chart of the Civil Defence General Headquarters. The meeting, presided over by Major General Khalil Dawood Badran, Director General of Finance and Service at Abu Dhabi Police, formed subcommittees for the implementation of the chart.

Maj Gen Badran stressed the directives of His Highness Lieutenant General Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior to implement plan according to the timeframe specified. He urged all committee members to pay special attention to job descriptions and the explanation of roles and responsibilities.

The job structure, officials pointed out, contributes to enhancing performance and efficiency as well as to making goals and specialisations clear. It also improves the quality of administrative decisions, among other objectives.
A total of 81 police cadets in Ras Al Khaimah graduated recently in two courses; the first on public relations and the second on receiving complaints and suggestions.

The graduation ceremony was held under the auspices of Major General Sheikh Taleb bin Saqr Al Qasimi, Director General of Ras Al Khaimah Police. It was attended by Brigadier Mohamed Al Nobi Mohammed, Deputy Director General of Ras Al Khaimah Police.

The courses were organised by the Planning and Development Division of Ras Al Khaimah Police.

Brigadier Mohamed Al Nobi Mohammed highlighted the importance of these courses in enhancing the skills and performance of police staff.

‘Police Friends’ students attending summer camps in the Eastern Region (Sharjah Police) this year were received recently by Lt. Col. Mohammed Rashid bin Nayea, Deputy Director General of Fujairah Police.

The students visited the state-of-the-art Operations Room and watched a documentary on the functioning of the Operations Room.

The students also visited the Public Relations and Moral Guidance Division. They were received by Lt. Col. Mohammed Khamis Matar Al Abdouli, director of the division. Police Friends also visited the Drivers’ and Vehicles Licensing Department.

Brigadier Ali Abdullah Alwan, Director General of Ajman Police, honoured a number of staff who had achieved excellence in their performance at the Reformatory and Punitive Centres Administration.

He lauded their efforts in performing their duties as one team. The honoured staff members expressed their happiness at the Ajman Police Chief’s initiative. Brig. Alwan presented gifts and certificates of appreciation to the honoured police staff.

The ceremony, held at Brig. Alwan’s office, was attended by a number of police officials.
Some people call it ‘controversial relationship’; a functionally strong tie still exists between the manager and the pregnant employee, but they are ‘psychologically’ apart.

The employee complains about her manager who does not understand the requirements of this period of her life and that he is a ‘constant early morning nightmare’, and the manager complains about the employee’s ‘lethargic pregnancy lifestyle’. Both sides defend their stances strenuously.

“Pregnancy is a state of suffering that is hard to explain”, said Hana Omar. “Managers, especially if they are men, cannot understand this suffering. A male manager deals with this situation as if it were influenza, but this influenza continues for nine months. There are hormone changes as well as changes in the nervous conditions, and that’s most apparent in the first two months of pregnancy. These changes cannot be ignored or looked at lightly”, she added.

Hana said many of her friends who have male managers complain about the ‘negative look’ that their bosses have towards them, adding that she is lucky that her manager, who is a woman, understands the suffering associated with pregnancy and cooperates with her a great deal.

For Amira Mohammed, who works at a privately-owned company, the ‘negative look’ is a real disappointment.

“To be looked at as being a person who is not productive during pregnancy does not make one comfortable”, she said. “The manager always gave me hints that I am not productive and my performance is not up to the desired standard. He accused me of being negligent and that I was hiding behind the curtain of pregnancy”, Amira added.

This situation has adversely affected Amira’s psychological state.

“This treatment disappointed me and put me in a situation where I had to constantly defend myself as a pregnant employee. I wondered what exactly my manager wanted me to do so that my performance, in the ninth month of pregnancy, would rise to the level required”, she said.

Amira’s manager often gave endless remarks about her sick leaves, and also about her excessive appetite.
for food, she noted.

“My work is a sedentary one, and sitting for a long time affects my health and could make delivery quite tough…I hope that managers would consider the suffering associated with pregnancy and its countless problems”, said Amira.

Manal Rifat, a school teacher, said she always felt extremely exhausted during pregnancy, particularly in the ninth month.

“I struggled to overcome the pain and the psychological effects during the tough days, and to perform my duties at work to the best of my ability”, she said.

She said that when the ‘manager’ is understanding, one would exert more efforts to win his or her confidence.

“Some managers refuse to approve sick leaves for pregnant employees; they mistakenly believe that the pregnant woman is pretending to be sick. I believe that the rights of the pregnant woman are not fully granted, and this is more apparent in the private sector.

As expected, a manager interviewed by 999 lashed out at pregnant employees, insisting that they always take their duties lightly and give excuses related to their pregnancy.

Issam Mohammed, a hotel manager, said: “Pregnant employees always have excuses to take sick leaves. In some cases, this leave could be up to four months. I try to make a balance between the nature of the work of pregnant women and the job responsibility by helping them in complet-
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ing various tasks in cooperation with other employees, so that the work won’t be affected. Naturally, a certain level of productivity is needed to maintain accepted standards”.

Yousuf Qassim Al Saedi, director of auditing at a bank, said: “This way of looking at pregnant employees is stereotypical and should be rejected. I have three employees who are pregnant, out of ten employees working in my department. Despite the work pressure at banks, we work like a family and help one another”.

He said a pregnant employee is not a burden on the team. “Though productivity (of pregnant employees) is affected a little, pregnant women give another service to society in their main function as mothers of future generations”, Al Saedi stressed.

From his experience, Al Saedi underlined that pregnant employees always handled their duties seriously and with diligence. “I advise all managers to be considerate to the needs of pregnant employees”, he said.

Dr. Sawsan Abdul Rahman, a gynecologist, said many pregnant women suffer from exhaustion and fatigue, particularly in the last couple of months before delivery. She, however, rejects the notion that pregnant employees are less productive.

“Many recent medical studies show that among pregnant employees those who excel and become more creative. Not all women suffer from fatigue; some pregnant women become more active”, Dr. Sawsan said.

She added: “Employers should be more understanding; pregnant women carry with them some 30 to 40 kg. It is not an easy thing at all”.

On sick leave, Dr. Sawsan said, pregnant employees resort to taking a sick leave at the advice of gynecologists. “Sick leaves are given for medical reasons and by doctors, and that should be clearly understood”, stressed Dr. Sawsan.
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Emergency Departments at government-run hospitals are under extreme workload pressure. Some pieces of advice can help save lives

By Amani Al Yafei

Emergency Departments at government hospitals in Abu Dhabi are under daily workload pressure as hundreds of patients use their services, despite the fact that some cases do not need to be sent to hospital emergency rooms.

According to statistics obtained by 999, the emergency department of Sheikh Khalifa Medical City in Abu Dhabi receives a daily average of 233 patients.

Lieutenant Colonel Abdullah Ali Al Qadhi, Commander of Operations at the Central Operations Room of Abu Dhabi Police, said emergency and rescue operations range between 26 and 31 cases daily. “Most cases received by the Central Operations Room of Abu Dhabi Police are related to medical emergencies as a result of incidents like fires, drowning, attempted suicide and general medical cases. They are also criminal cases and traffic accidents in which medical intervention is needed to save lives”, he said.

The nearest ambulance is sent to the accident site, said the police official. Simultaneously, hospital staff are alerted to get ready to receive the patient or injured person. Response time in most cases does not exceed 10 minutes.

Reports to the Operations Room are classified according to their level of urgency. A request for an ambulance is classified as ‘very important’ as response time is critical to save lives. However, the Operations Room sometimes receives reports about an emergency, and when the police ambulance reaches its destination, rescuers find that the case is not urgent. “That could delay response to other, genuine emergencies”, said Lt. Col. Al Qadhi.

He urged the public to explain to Operations Room staff the seriousness of the case as the ambulance service is meant to deal with emergencies, response to which cannot be delayed.

Lt. Col. Al Qadhi said the Operations Department had taken part in
the campaign organised by the departments of Security Media, Technical Affairs and Community Policing to enhance the 999 emergency services and make the best use of it by the public.

Dr. Harold Shim, emergency consultant and acting head of the emergency section at the Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, said the hospital’s emergency section receives 5,000 to 7,000 cases every month. This number includes 2,900 critical and serious injury cases, 1,800 slight injury cases and 1,100 cases involving children. In May, the workload at the emergency wards was very high.

He said cases are dealt with by the hospital staff according to the seriousness of each case. However, some cases do not need admission to the emergency section.

“Each case is diagnosed carefully and meticulously as cases that would
Giving birth on Abu Dhabi roads!

Lieutenant Colonel Abdullah Ali Al Qadhi, Commander of Operations at the Central Operations Room of Abu Dhabi Police, told 999 about the story of a woman who gave birth in a car on Abu Dhabi roads. He said the Operations Room received a report that a woman called 999 requesting help as she was driving her pregnant friend in labour to hospital. An ambulance immediately moved to respond to the emergency, but the pregnant woman gave birth to her child in the car before the arrival of the ambulance. Ambulance staff had to follow the ‘delivery’ car to hospital to ensure that she arrived there, safe and sound!

14 reasons to call in an ambulance

1- Unconsciousness
2- Terrible pain in the chest or the stomach.
3- Weakness or numbness in the face, arms or legs.
4- Sudden changes in vision.
5- Difficulty in speaking.
6- Short breath.
7- Unstoppable hemorrhage, 10 minutes after direct pressing.
8- Any sudden and terrible pain.
9- Major injury, like one to the head.
10- Hard-to-understand confusion.
11- Severe vomiting and diarrhea.
12- Blood or vomiting with coughing.
13- Extreme reaction to a sting by an insect, food or medicine.
14- Extreme actions that would lead to suicide.

What you have to do in an emergency

- Take someone with you and ask him or her to wait with you in the hospital emergency section.
- Take with you a list that has the name of your doctor and his telephone number, the medicines you use, any allergies to medicines or food, a short medical history and the telephone number of a relative or a friend.
Cover story
The operations range from detonating explosive devices and swift intervention in anti-riots, to overcoming and controlling a difficult situation in a face-to-face confrontation with a trouble-maker. Emirati policewomen have been playing dangerous, but key roles in security operations. These are new roles taken up by Emirati women, creating a shift away from the traditional roles of women in UAE society.

Policewomen have been contributing greatly to the security operations traditionally handled by policemen. In interviews with 999, policewomen showed great enthusiasm for performing their duties perfectly, no matter how dangerous they may be.

Sgts Fatimah Hilal Al Kaabi and Aysha Hareb Al Alawi, working at the VIP Protection Unit, say they are very alert by nature. Their intensive training has made them even more capable of controlling difficult situations with a high degree of self-discipline and mental focus. Fatimah and Aysha also handle the protection of government buildings and diplomatic missions in the country.

Both policewomen joined the Abu Dhabi Police Department amid fears, and sometimes objections, expressed by their families who know the job, by its very nature, can be dangerous. However, they successfully persuaded their families to give their career choice their blessing.

Fatimah said: “I read an advertisement in a local newspaper inviting young Emirati women to join the police force and contribute to the protection of the homeland. I was one of the first batch of members taking up the job of protecting VIPs”.

She added: “The responsibility is not easy, but I exert all my efforts to play my role effectively”.

Aysha said policewomen had overcome any perceived frailties through intensive training. They have been able to master martial arts and engage in VIP protection assignments. She said mastering martial arts to meet the requirements of the job do not affect a policewoman’s femininity. “A woman remains a woman, no matter how physically strong she may be. Inherently, a woman is a gentle person, and their femininity should be the overriding trait, but after working hours”, Aysha said, laughing.

In specific situations, policewomen need extraordinary strength.
to protect themselves and the person they are protecting. However, some assignments are given to specially trained male officers because of the potentially very violent nature of certain security situations. “Each situation has its requirements”, she explained.

Aysha said one of the most difficult situations was confronting riots. “It is an unforgettable situation but I was able to deal with that situation effectively and wisely”.

The dismantling of explosive devices is not an easy exercise for those performing that duty. The line between life and death is extremely thin.
Shamsa Ali Al Kuwaiti works as an explosives technician at the Security Inspection Division.

"Since I was a child, I dreamt of joining the police force. My dream came true, and my family has been supportive despite their concerns regarding the dangerous nature of the job. I had to calm their fears and I told them that I will always be alert and careful", she said.

Having joined the police force, successfully handling their duties, proves to Fatimah, Aysha and Sham-sa that old perceptions about women’s capabilities are wrong.

Shamsa admits she had some fears when she first joined her unit. “I had fears when I conducted the first operation in my training. Fears soon evaporated”, she said.

Men and women, said Shamsa, enjoy the same capabilities and they complement each other in building society. Women in the UAE have reached highest ranks thanks to the support of UAE’s wise leadership.
For Captain Moza Masood Rashid Al Yaqoobi, an anti-narcotics officer with the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), joining the police was her natural career path: She was raised in a family where many members have military or police backgrounds and she wanted to follow them. “My work has added many experiences and skills to my life. Even my personal life experience has been positively affected. I have discovered many capabilities in me”, said Capt. Moza.

She said she did not find a lot of difficulty in her work, thanks to her family’s support.

As a social worker with police, Capt. Moza said she has various challenges as she deals with victims of drug abuse belonging to different age groups. “I explain to the victims the incalculable dangers associated with drug abuse and the effects of narcotics on the mental, psychological and social wellbeing of individuals and adverse effects on society. I give them example supporting my arguments from the Holy Quran and the Sunnah”, said Capt. Moza.

Muhra Mosa Mualem, trainer at the Infantry and Weapons Division, loves military life. “I grew up to discover that I love military life. It inculcates the principles of discipline and control that enhance one’s personality”, she said.

Muhra found all the encouragement and support from her family. “I did not find any difficulty in my work. In fact, my dream of joining the police force has come true. However, I pay special attention to new recruits undergoing training and I focus on means to help them adapt to the harshness of military training and difficult weather conditions”, Muhra underlined.

One of the best trained policewomen on martial arts is Ruqaya Ali Al Balushi. Though she is just 18 years old, Ruqaya represented the UAE in Judo and other martial arts competitions.

“My passion for martial arts has stirred mixed reactions from my family. But my success has changed the viewpoints of some members who objected to my favourite hobbies. They are now admirers of my talent”, Ruqaya said, emphatically.

Ruqaya considers Sheikha Maitha bint Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the daughter of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, as her ideal sportswoman, as she has won many medals and achieved Olympic success.
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Promising success in the service of justice

A relatively young division at Abu Dhabi Police dealing with homicides unravelled the mysteries of 290 cases last year.

By Lara Al Zarasi
The Homicide Division of Abu Dhabi Police, set up in 2005, solved 290 out of 304 cases last year, and the success attained by the division shows the significant role it is set to play in the operations of the police force.

The division has four sections: violent crimes, criminal investigation, probe and behavioural offences.

“The assignments of the division cover all crimes that affects individuals, including murder, rape, kidnapping, behavioural offences as well as dealing with anonymous reports”, said Major Juma Salem Al Kaabi, director of the division.

He said police staff working at the Homicide Division are trained professionally and carry out their tasks with commitment, responsibility and patience. Working long hours is the norm, added the official.

Maj. Al Kaabi said police staff had attended training courses inside the UAE and abroad. Intricate cases had been solved by the division since its inception in 2005.

“There have been successes achieved by the division. Division investigators move to crime scenes to probe incidents, lift prints, collect evidence and solve mysteries”, said Major Salem Al Ameri, head of the violent crimes section.

“The division’s scope of work also covers all crimes whose perpetrators are unknown, and it cooperates with the Capital Police and police divisions outside the capital in the investigation of crime and the arrest of culprits”, Maj. Al Ameri.

Division staff also operate on the probing level, receive tip-offs from sources and providing the division with information that is key to solving intricate cases, said the official.

On the probing level, Maj. Sultan Al Kaabi, head of the probe section, said the division deals with unsolved cases referred to it by the violent crimes section. Informants are hired to gather information on main suspects, and the sources of information are diversified to ensure accuracy and speed.

First Lieutenant Khalifa Juma Al Nuaimi, head of the investigation section, said: “The investigation section coordinates with other branch officers in the investigation tasks and when investigations are completed, cases are referred through the legal channels to the Public Prosecutor’s office. The section also implements the orders of the Public Prosecutor’s office and refers the suspects to the central prison. Our work handles all sides of criminal cases including criminals, suspects, witnesses and details of cases”.

He added: “Within 48 hours, all cases are investigated”.

Behavioural offences section deals with the so-called eve-teasers and sexual harassment cases as well as cases of those involved in prostitution and immoral activities. The tasks of the section also include dealing with those involved in the practice of witchcraft.

The meeting discussed means to overcome obstacles in the investigation process, and officers from various sections participated in the discussions.

“Coordination among various police departments and divisions is intrinsic to carry out daily tasks effectively”, said Colonel Abdul Rahman Al Hamadi, Director of Criminal Evidence Department. “Our aim is to always bring about a positive working environment that contributes to speeding up the process of investigation and achieving justice”, he added.

During the meeting, the roles and responsibilities of each department and section were specified. A main point was that the ‘criminal affairs officer’ will be the coordinator among all parties working on a criminal case. A similar meeting should be held every two months to discuss any emerging issue.

Cooperation with Criminal Evidence

The Homicide Division took part in a meeting hosted by the Criminal Evidence Department of the General Directorate of Security Affairs and Entry and Exit Points at Abu Dhabi Police, aimed at enhancing cooperation with non-police sector to facilitate the criminal investigation process.
State-of-the-art technology is a must in the security arrangements of large cosmopolitan centres around the world, and recent incidents in which criminals were arrested or exposed in Dubai show the necessity of employing surveillance cameras and other breakthrough technological advancements in the service of security, top officials say.

But surveillance cameras at Dubai International Airport and at hotels and on Dubai’s highways and arteries have generated mixed reactions. This is despite the fact that these cameras were the main tool that helped unravel the mysteries of serious crimes in the emirate. These crimes include the assassination of Palestinian Hamas leader Mahmoud al-Mabhooh by a group of assassins using European passports in a case whose repercussions have not yet ended; the murder of Lebanese singer Suzanne Tamim at a luxury apartment in Dubai, in which an Egyptian tycoon and an ex-police-officer from Egypt are allegedly involved; and the theft of gold bullions worth Dh40 million belonging to an Asian businessman at Dubai International Airport. In the bullions case, surveillance cameras showed how the theft was committed by Asian employees at the airport, who placed the businessman’s luggage in the cargo compartment of a plane flying to a destination other than the victim’s.

After television screening of surveillance camera footage of al-Mabhooh’s assassins, hotels and companies in Dubai expanded the use of smart surveillance cameras, and demand has been on the increase. However, the backlash of al-Mabhooh incident has stirred controversies over the use of surveillance cameras and whether these cameras represent a security necessity or intrusion on individual freedom.

Lieutenant General Dhahi Khalfan Tamim, Commander in Chief of Dubai Police, said modern technology in security is a necessity for any international city in order to provide a tight security cover, and many countries around the world use surveillance cameras to monitor their facilities and streets.

“Surveillance cameras are not meant to be an intrusion (on freedoms) but represent a security requirement in any advanced city. Professionalism in the use of surveillance cameras is very important... these cameras take footage of millions

An extra set of eyes

Surveillance cameras keep watch 24/7. But do they represent a security necessity, or intrusion on individual freedoms?

By Rasha Fikri
of people entering and leaving Dubai, and accusations are mounted only against criminals”, said Lt. Gen. Dhahi.

The Dubai Police Chief revealed that there are nearly 25,000 surveillance cameras of various types in Dubai, some of them are for security and others are for traffic monitoring, hotels, Metro stations and a multitude of vital facilities. “Many of these cameras are connected to the Dubai Police Operations Room, and other (traffic cameras) are connected to the Control Room of the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA)”, he explained. Dubai Police has been deploying more smart cameras, including those installed recently on 160 patrol vehicles and connected to the police Operations Room, he added.

Police, Lt. Gen. Dhahi asked hotels in Dubai to install smart surveillance cameras that would alert the control room about any incident. “Dubai Police will continue its efforts to use state-of-the-art technologies to curb crime, the basic objective of Dubai Police strategy”, he stressed.

The assassination of al-Mabhooh was not the first case footage from surveillance cameras in Dubai was extensively used in criminal investigation, said Major General Khamis Mattar bin Mazeina, Deputy Commander of Dubai Police.

“There were many cases in which these cameras were very useful in investigations. The use of modern technology including surveillance cameras provides decisive evidence. We have a large number of qualified cadres who can professionally use these cameras and reach decisive results”, revealed Maj. Gen. Khamis.

The use of surveillance cameras, he explained, minimises operational costs of policemen and reduces the need for more human resources. The cameras are also used in traffic control and can be instrumental in reducing road accidents and fatalities.

Dr. Mohammed Murad Abdullah, Director of Dubai Police’ Decision-taking Support Centre, said surveillance cameras exist in shopping malls, public places, residential buildings and towers and on highways and arteries. “Building owners now consider surveillance cameras to be a requirement as well as a feature in their buildings that attract tenants. The equipment stores footage that is used only when a crime or an incident happens”, stressed Dr. Abdullah.

He cited the example of surveillance cameras at the Gold Souk in Dubai, which are linked to the Operations Room. “These cameras have helped eliminate thefts in the souk”, he said.

The extensive use of electronic gadgets at Dubai International Airport has enhanced security, according to Brigadier Ahmed bin Thani, Head of the General Directorate of Airport Security at Dubai Police.

He said more than 3,300 surveillance cameras are used at the airport, and a monitoring room connected to these cameras is manned by a group of highly qualified officers.

“The cameras are installed at various sections of the airport as well as in the cargo areas. They played a great role in the investigation of the assassination of al-Mabhooh and linked the various accomplices involved in the crime”, said Brig. bin Thani. “Surveillance cameras have also helped reduce theft cases at the airport”, he added.

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**Telecast live!**

Dubai Police have installed cameras on 160 police patrol vehicles, connected to the Operations Room.

Major General Khamis Mattar bin Mazeina, Deputy Commander of Dubai Police, said: “These cameras telecast live picture to the Operations Room, whether from a traffic accident site or a crime scene. Such cameras will be used on all police cars in Dubai soon”.

**CAPTION:**

The new camera installed in a police vehicle.

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**Traffic cameras**

Dubai Traffic Police Department uses 580 cameras at intersections in Dubai. These cameras have helped in reducing traffic accidents by more than 12 per cent in the first quarter of 2010.

More than 3,000 surveillance cameras are installed at all Metro stations, according to Dubai Police’ Transport Security Division. The emirate’s tunnels are covered by cameras operated by RTA, and connected directly with a central operations room that monitors traffic round the clock.

More surveillance cameras are expected to be installed in the near future to further enhance security control effectiveness.
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He and his team worked together on the most intricate and mysterious criminal cases, and were able to apprehend the culprits.

He is Brigadier Khalil Ibrahim Al Mansouri, Director of the Criminal Investigation Department of Dubai Police. He uncovered the mystery of Pink Panthers involved in the multimillion dirham Wafi City jewellery heist in Dubai and arrested the thieves. There are many other cases in which Brig. Al Mansouri had a leading role in unraveling their mystery, including the assassination of former Chechen military commander Sulim Yamadayev in an underground car park, an Indian businessman at the Indian Club in Dubai, the murder of Lebanese singer Suzanne Tamim, the armed robbery of money exchange house, Irtibat, and the assassination of Hamas leader Mahmoud al-Mab-
Brig. Al Mansouri was honoured by His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, for his major role in arresting the culprits in the Graff jewellery shop at Wafi City. “The honouring is an accolade for me and for my colleagues”, said Brig. Al Mansouri of the ceremony, which was attended by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai. “It represents the appreciation of the government for the work of competent civil servants who excel in the service of the nation and in protecting its achievements”, he added.

The attention given to all divisions within the police force by Lieutenant General Dhahi Khalfan Tamim, Commander in Chief of Dubai, and his deputy, Major General Khamis Bin Mazeina, has contributed a lot to the advanced status attained by Dubai Police, said the police official.

Brig. Al Mansouri started his police career 25 years ago, joining the police force in the rank of cadet lieutenant. He was 17 years old. He worked in various departments.

He said police staff should always exert best efforts to upgrade their performance and serve their country. He also urged the public to cooperate with police at all times to curb crime and protect the country’s achievements.
He has a transparent personality that spontaneously reflects his inner being. He is a sweet talker with a refined sense of etiquette. Despite being physically challenged, he confronts the reality of his condition with strength derived from his belief in God and in destiny.

Bilal Obeid Khamis, 20, was born to a Hatta-based family in the emirate of Dubai. He has two elder daughters. His family has always enjoyed and appreciated the togetherness of the family unit.

But things are never complete: Bilal has been short, and his parents noticed, as Bilal grew in age, that he was not growing taller. They had to live with this reality, but never neglect all the aspects of bringing him up in the best way.

“I lived my childhood like any normal child, and I never felt I was different from them. This helped me confront the physical challenge, and I thank my parents and my community”, said Bilal.

The basic schooling stage of my life was the cornerstone of his efforts to form his relationships with people around him. He made friendships, but sometimes, he had to avoid some people who gave him comments about the way he looks.

Bilal joined the Interior Ministry’s Centre for People with Special Needs and attended secretarial and computer study courses. He later joined a development and training course to ready himself for employment.

He currently works at the General Directorate for Foreigners Affairs, Land and Marine Entry and Exit Points in Dubai. He handles his duties at the Hatta Land Centre, and enjoys the respect of officials and colleagues.

“The work environment has made me more self-dependent. It has made me bear responsibilities and deal with people with self-confidence. And it has taught me how to confront the challenges of life and meet its requirements”, emphasised Bilal.

He stressed that dealing with a physically challenged person should always be like dealing with any normal human being and not based on pity. “What a physically challenged person needs is confidence in his capability, and if he or she finds the necessary support, they would unleash a positive energy that benefits society”, Bilal explained.

Bilal likes sports, particularly football and falconry. He always seeks to prove his capability and his dream is to achieve his ambitions by pursuing higher university studies.
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He was young when he started dreaming about catching all moments of life through his camera lens. The lens was a source of inspiration. With photographs, he recorded the sweetest memories and rightly won the title: ‘the family’s official photographer’!

Major Fahd Al Tunaiji, who works at Ras Al Khaimah Police, reminisces about his relationship with the camera. “I often walked around with the camera in my hand, especially at Al Rams area, my neighbourhood. The area is beautiful and I took countless photos of it. Some people were critical, but I insisted on achieving excellence in my hobby”, he said.

Fahd followed the advice of photography studio owners; there were no specialised photography institutions in Ras Al Khaimah at the time.

One of the funniest situations was when he asked a photography studio worker about a skill, and that worker refused to help unless he was paid for the service! Fahd paid him for lessons.

Fahd held an exhibition of photos he took in his travels. It was held at the Ras Al Khaimah Police Officers Club in 2007, and 40 works were displayed and received a lot of praise from officials and the general public.

In addition to photography, Fahd loves equestrian activities. He has been taking part in horse races in the country with his mares.
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Qais Sedki is the first Emirati author to win the Sheikh Zayed Book Award.

By Khalid Al Dhanhani

“I sacrificed my job for my literary project”
What is known as the most difficult branch of writing is perhaps writing for children, and that is the path taken by the first Emirati author to win the Sheikh Zayed Book Award in 2010. Qais Sedki received the top prize for “Children’s Literature” for his manga (graphic novel) “Gold Ring”.

Qais left the world of electronics and technology to embark on a path that made him one of the most prominent children’s authors in the UAE, and perhaps in the Arab world. Qais has a profound love of Japanese manga graphic novels and a keen interest in Japanese arts and culture. He spoke to 999.

Excerpts:

Q. We start with you receiving the Sheikh Zayed Book Award. What does this award mean to you?
A. The award means many great things to me; it carries the name of a symbol of the Arab world, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, whom we consider the real fortune of the UAE. I believe Zayed exists in all of us, the people of the UAE. He taught us a lot of great things, like being benevolent. His traits have given the UAE its glory. My award is associated with the name of the father of the nation, and that in itself gives me pride. In addition to its high standards and excellent panel of judges, the award is international and speaks Arabic, which enables foreigners who are fluent in Arabic to participate. The sense of competition was high, and living the experience is a very strong motive. I have been honoured to be the first Emirati to win this prestigious; an Emirati author won in its fourth edition, and that gives me a strong impetus to continue my literary project.

Q. The ‘Gold Ring’ is a literary work that carries Japanese culture in an Emirati mould. How have you been able to merge the two cultures?
A. The challenge before me is to give the child a material that would send him away from it. The Arab child does not like to read, and prefers entertainment options like cinema and sports. From early childhood, we have to make books appealing to children, and we have to choose the way that makes them accept books in their lives. The Japanese form is appealing to children who have been watching Japanese cartoons. I chose manga art to attract them to reading. The story has a content that is in line with our values and traditions, using classical Arabic. The framework is Japanese, aimed at bringing cultures together.

Q. From which angle have you dealt with UAE heritage in the ‘Gold Ring’?
A. The story mixes imagination with reality, and events revolve around a real sport which is hunting by falcons. It focuses on dealing with falcons, and though the world of the story is imaginary, it has a realistic side.

Q. How did the idea of the literary work start?
A. Information Technology (IT) was my career path. But it was not my passion. I wanted to get involved in literary works that attract me, and my focus has been on children and youth. I wanted to make an impact in the world of children’s literature. The best way to attract children to books is to convince them of the importance of the book. One of our greatest mistakes is to dictate things on children. We have to always take into consideration that literary works for children should be entertaining as that will make them more convincing, then we can introduce the values and principles. That’s what I did in the ‘Gold Ring’.

Q. Has Harry Potter had any impact on ‘Gold Ring’?
A. I read a lot in English, and I like Harry Potter. Many Western writers are masters of attracting their readership. I hope that ‘Gold Ring’ will have a fraction of the success that Harry Potter has achieved.

Q. What about the challenges that you encountered in your work?
A. I had many difficulties and challenges. It’s a new world to me; I had to learn how to write and to master the art. I didn’t know a lot about publishing and I had to set up a publishing house to continue with my works. I have been able to overcome all difficulties, thank God. My plan for the future is to write a series of stories. I have sacrificed my comfortable IT job for the sake of writing. I resigned for the sake of completing my literary project.

Q. What is the relationship between you and children?
A. Children express their opinions...
openly and frankly. My son, for instance, expresses his opinion honestly and I discuss it with him in a serious manner. I like to hold reading sessions with children at schools, and I believe that the relationship between the book and the child starts from the first experience. I am determined to help eliminate the negative idea about books and reading in my interactions with children; I play the roles of characters, change my voice and move around, but I always watch children’s reactions. I tell children about my experience with ‘Gold Ring’ and I see in children’s eyes a lot of passion.

Q. What is the next step after ‘Gold Ring’?

Q. Have you thought of transforming ‘Gold Ring’ to a movie or a television serial?
A. It’s a nice idea but the time is not yet appropriate.

Q. The first experience must have received some critical opinions. Has it been criticised?
A. I received some criticisms but frankly, these criticisms are few. All criticisms had to do with the language, but it’s not wrong to write a book whose dialogue is different from the language of books or newspapers. I feel there is some unjustifiable fear regarding the freedom of the author to form the language he or she wants for their literary work.

Q. Don’t you think that Arabic books for children are scarce, which strengthened the popularity of translated books? What is the reason behind this?
A. I think the success of translated books is attributed to the understanding by the author of the tastes of his readership. This flexibility does not exist among Arab authors. Children’s interest differs from one region to another as the environment has its impact. In addition, the book industry needs to be streamlined in such away as to suit children’s temperament. I, however, see a danger in translated books as translation cannot give the inherent content. I am optimistic that there will be a real effort at government and private levels to give due attention to children’s literature.
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In the 1930s, the British government discussed with the Rulers of the Emirates the issue of water landing facilities for its planes, called ‘flying boats’. The British also tried to get permission to use airstrips. They wanted their civilian and military planes, taking off from England, to reach India, and planes at that time did not have enough fuel capacity to travel there without landing on the way.

British planes had to make a stop after every two or three hours of flying, at an airstrip or a water landing facility. If a plane took off from London and reached Egypt, it would land in the Suez Canal or at an airstrip, and would fly again to Iraq where it could use Al Habaniya lake and the region’s airport. It would resume flying to the city of Basra and Shatt al-Arab waterway. From there, it could land in Bahrain and on to Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Ras Al Khaimah. There was a small airport in the town of Kalba in Sharjah. The largest airport was in Sharjah, called the ‘station’.

UAE people still remember two warplanes that crashed in the 1940.

In unveiling a memorial stone honouring a British airman who died in a plane crash in Fujairah some seven decades ago, Fujairah reaffirms the strength and longevity of UAE-UK ties.

By Dr. Faleh Hanzal
The first crashed near Dalma island and the second in Ras Al Khaimah. A while ago, a Dalma resident went diving in the area where the plane crashed and found a plane fan. He has been displaying it in front of his home since then.

In Ras Al Khaimah, the other plane crashed in the creek. Since then, the waterway has been called Khor Al Tayara (the Plane’s Creek).

Capital Letter magazine, issued by the British Business Group in Abu Dhabi, published a story about the crash of the hulking Wellington bomber in the emirate of Fujairah. One of the crew members was killed. On January 28, 2010, a memorial stone was unveiled for British airman Sgt William Donnelly, a navigator who died when the plane crash-landed on the emirate’s coast on February 14, 1943. Sgt Donnelly was a member of a four-man crew ferrying the Wellington bomber from Britain to India. He was the only British or Commonwealth serviceman known to have died in what is now the UAE during active service in the Second World War.

Seventy years after the crash, Sgt Donnelly’s tomb was found, and a memorial stone was built.

In a statement issued to mark the occasion, His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Mohammed Al Sharqi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Fujairah, said: “The Second World War was the deadliest military conflict the world has ever seen, with over 60 million people being killed. In the United Arab Emirates were fortunate not to be directly involved, although forces from Britain, the United States and other Allies made use of bases in the Emirates. Sgt Donnelly and the crash in which he died are part of our history, in which Britain has played such a major role. It is right that I and the people of Fujairah, and of the broader United Arab Emirates, should acknowledge his part and I hope that this event will further underline the strength and longevity of the relationship that links the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.”

Attending the ceremony were Sgt Donnelly’s niece, June Botten, who flew in from Britain with her daughter, British Ambassador Edward Oakden, the British Defence Attaché, a number of officers from the British Royal Air Force, representatives of the Fujairah Tourism and Archaeology Authority and two UAE residents who were responsible for tracing the story of the crash and identifying the location where it occurred. Contingents from the British Armed Forces, US Navy and Fujairah Emiri Guards were also present at the ceremony.

Botten said: “I was a child when the news came to my home of the death of my Uncle Billy,” Mrs Botten said. “All we were told was that Uncle Billy had fallen out of a plane, and that’s all we knew until recent times”. She thanked Fujairah’s ruler for “honouring my Uncle Billy by marking his last resting place here in this beautiful country.”

British Ambassador, Edward Oakden, noted the “excellent co-operation” that exists between Britain and the UAE.

Following the 1943 crash, Mr. Oakden said: “Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad Al Sharqi, then Ruler of Fujairah and the father of the present Ruler, arrived at the scene soon afterwards and provided assistance to the crew until they could be rescued. I am so glad that Billy’s family joined us to commemorate his wartime service and sacrifice”. He added: “I would like deeply to thank His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Mohammed al...
Sharqi, the Ruler of Fujairah, whose interest and generosity has made the day possible.”

Peter Hellyer, editor of Capital Letter and an Abu Dhabi-based historian, who first discovered references to the plane crash and has subsequently co-ordinated research and planning leading up to the unveiling of the memorial, said: “Finally, after 67 years, there is a proper memorial to the only British and Commonwealth serviceman to have died on active service in the UAE during the Second World War... The active support from HH the Ruler of Fujairah has been of enormous importance. Without his continued encouragement, knowledge of this piece of the shared history of the UAE and Britain would have been lost forever. “

Sgt Donnelly was born in Peru in 1911. His father lived in Manchester. He joined the Royal Air Force in 1941, being trained as a navigator. In February 1943, he was a member of a four-man crew ferrying the bomber to India.

Following a refuelling stop in Sharjah, the plane took off for Gwadar, on the coast of Pakistan and crossed the Hajar Mountains. Around 30 minutes after take-off, when it was over the sea, oil began to leak from one of the engines and then the propeller flew off. The pilot turned back towards land and the plane then crash-landed at Sayh Dhadnah. Sgt Donnelly was severely injured and died shortly afterwards. He was buried close to the site of the crash, near a cemetery containing graves of local inhabitants. The rest of the crew and a passenger were evacuated a few days later by sea to Sharjah.

According to a Dhadnah resident, Abdulla Rashid, who witnessed the crash and helped two Al Ain-based historians, Brien Holmes and Jodie Healy, to identify the location last summer, Sgt Donnelly’s grave and those of the local inhabitants were washed away by heavy floods many years ago. Abdulla Rashid died at the end of last year.

When the memorial stone was unveiled, a Fujairah resident, Mohammed bin Hamoud Al Sharqi, said he was 12 when he witnessed the Wellington bomber crash.

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Al Sharqi, Crown Prince of Fujairah, said displays on the crash and Sgt Donnelly will be installed in Fujairah Museum and at Dibba Municipality building. The British Embassy also decided to mark the incident’s anniversary every year.
Flashback

Police armoured vehicles during field training in Abu Dhabi.

Police College cadets in a practical training session.

A traffic patrol team receiving early morning instructions.
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One of the most popular programmes on Abu Dhabi TV in the 1980s, ‘Our Beautiful Homeland’, depicted the march of development of the young nation at a time when our media had a national identity and a clear mission.

The programme presented the grand and astounding achievements on the land of the Emirates, tracing their phases of realisation witnessed and directly supervised by late President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan.

Media stars in the UAE teamed up to produce the programme, but few remember their faces or names these days. The programme used to be aired after the 9pm news bulletin and was repeated at various times during the day.

‘Our Beautiful Homeland’ told the stories of the progress of the UAE, which has become a modern country seeking perfection in everything, particularly in the civilised look of the nation in the eyes of people living on its blessed land or visiting it.

The architectural marvels of the UAE, especially the Burj Khalifa skyscraper, the world’s tallest building, a world-class destination and the magnificent centerpiece of Downtown Dubai, stand as a testament of the great achievements of the nation.

Some of our architectural landmarks represent the cultural, social and economic values of the nation, while others don’t. We hope that people who specialise in architecture will study this phenomenon carefully so that we can enhance the beauty of our homeland, the way the Abu Dhabi TV programme wanted it to be. The archives of Abu Dhabi TV represent evidence of the blessed march of progress.

There is a little note we’d like to convey to the municipalities of all our beautiful cities, and we hope it will be well-accepted. Despite all the development that covered all the cities of the UAE, particularly the large cities, there are still some old homes in dilapidating condition distorting the overall picture of modernity.

We hope that our municipal authorities will urge the owners of these homes to rebuild their houses. As an alternative, municipalities can compensate the owners and take ownership of these homes to demolish them.

‘Our Beautiful Homeland’ was a great programme, and our country is a jewel in the crown of nations because it is beautiful inside out. Let’s keep our country beautiful.